

GCSE

Religious Studies (World Religions)

Islam 2

Specimen Paper

B578

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional materials: none

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

- 1 (a)** Using examples, give an account of how Muslims show respect towards the Qur'an.

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- (b)** Explain why the Qur'an is important for Muslims.

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(c) 'Ahadith are just as important as the Qur'an for Muslims.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer

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2 (a) Why is the design of a mosque important for Muslims.

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(b) Explain the importance of the role of the imam in Muslim life and worship.

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3 (a) Describe the main features of a Muslim marriage ceremony.

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(b) Explain the importance of the ceremonies at the start of a Muslim baby's life.

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Extra Answer Space

Clearly label which question you are answering.

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p>Using examples, give an account of how Muslims show respect towards the Qur'an.</p> <p>Candidates might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The care taken in the treatment of the book e.g. silk cloths, high shelves and rahal stands; • The care taken with copying and calligraphy as well as the treatment of worn out Qur'ans; • Cleanliness and attitude in preparation for and during reading; • Explanations about recitation, family occasions when the Qur'an is read aloud, studying - especially in Ramadan - and becoming a hafiz or hafizah. <p>Any sensible accurate examples may be used to demonstrate the ways Muslims show respect for the Qur'an in public and private worship and in obedient living in daily life.</p>	[6]
1(b)	<p>Explain why the Qur'an is important for Muslims?</p> <p>Candidates might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the final revelation of God; • The importance of the Qur'an in worship or as a guidebook for living; • The Qur'an is the main authority for Shari'ah law; • The status of the Qur'an as the actual words of Allah revealed to Muhammad ﷺ. 	[6]
1(c)	<p>'Ahadith are just as important as the Qur'an for Muslims.' Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer</p> <p>Candidates might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanations of ahadith as the sayings of Muhammad ﷺ as collected by reputable sources to clarify the Sunnah of the Prophet; • Details about the way Muhammad ﷺ prayed to show that ahadith can supplement the Qur'anic commands; • As the secondary source for Shari'ah, ahadith might be argued to be less important per se but some might consider them to be 'just as important' in that Muslims are provided with practical examples to guide their daily living; • Some discussions might distinguish between Prophetic and Sacred types of Hadith. In the latter, Muhammad ﷺ quotes words from Allah which are not part of the Qur'an but they are treated with reverence and are regarded by many Muslims as inspired. 	[12]
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2(a)	<p>Why is the design of a mosque important for Muslims?</p> <p>Candidates might refer to the purpose of the Mosque and draw on the features and design to show their importance in relation to their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usage; • Symbolism; <p>Individual items may be referred to and their importance explained, such as :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minaret; • Dome; • Mihrab; • Qiblah; • Minbar; • Prayer area; • Washrooms; • Madrassah; • Lack of representation of Allah or of Muhammad ﷺ. 	[6]
2(b)	<p>Explain the importance of the role of the imam in Muslim life and worship.</p> <p>Candidates might explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Islam does not have priests and 'imam' means 'in the front'; • The importance of and describe the role of the imam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading prayers; • Preaching the khutbah; • Teaching the Qur'an in the madrassah; • Teaching Arabic in the madrassah; • The role/authority of the imam in worship in the mosque; • The variety of tasks, the leadership and involvement of the imam because the mosque is the centre of so many community activities, including rites of passage; • The imam as a community leader. 	[6]
2(c)	<p>'Du'a is not as important as Salah.'</p> <p>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer</p>	[12]

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2(c) Cont'd	<p>Candidates might first distinguish between Du'a and Salah which may be the focus of the evaluation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Du'a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Means 'supplication' or 'asking'; Covers many forms of personal prayer; After the compulsory Salah the worshipper is free to pray in his or her own language; Can be prayed any time and anywhere; It is a cry from the heart; The Qur'an says, 'I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calleth on Me'. Salah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is fard; It is a compulsory pillar; Has to be done five times a day; <p>In the evaluation, candidates may draw on the different benefits associated with each form of prayer to the Muslim individual and to the Muslim community.</p>	
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3(a)	<p>Describe the main features of a Muslim marriage ceremony.</p> <p>Candidates might describe a Muslim marriage ceremony from any culture. Features included might be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clothing; Gifts; Festivities; Religious aspects such as prayers and readings (sometimes from Surah 4); The consent of both parties is required, sometimes by proxy; A minimum of two witnesses; The Aqd Nikah contract of marriage is spoken and written; The mahr gift or bridal price is given by the bridegroom; The walimah feast. 	[6]
3(b)	<p>Explain the importance of the ceremonies at the start of a Muslim baby's life.</p> <p>Candidates might refer to any of the following customs and explain their importance, symbolism or significance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The baby is washed; Call to prayer in right ear; 	[6]

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<p>3(b) Cont'd</p> <p>3(c)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Command to worship in left ear; • Named; • Head shaved; • Equivalent weight of hair in money to poor; • Males circumcised; • Goats or sheep sacrificed; • Origins of some traditions e.g. circumcision and sacrifices, which go back to accounts of the life of Ibrahim (Abraham). <p>‘Marriage is not an important religious ceremony in Islam.’ Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Islam in your answer</p> <p>Candidates might argue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That marriage is more of a civil rite rather than a religious ceremony in Islam, compared with the other rites of passage; • They might go on to argue that this does not mean that it has no religious meaning from the point of view of the individuals who are getting married; • Candidates might compare attitudes towards marriage in Islam with other faiths; • Other candidates may not accept the dichotomy between the secular and the religious so their discussions might go in the direction of Islam being a total way of life or of all life being in submission to Allah. 	<p>[12]</p>
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Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)

Question	AO1	AO2	Total
1(a)	6		6
1(b)	6		6
1(c)		12	12
2(a)	6		6
2(b)	6		6
2(c)		12	12
3(a)	6		6
3(b)	6		6
3(c)		12	12
Totals	12	12	24